

Assistant Director for Operations

10 October 1951

Chief, FBID

Progress Report for September 1951

ADMINISTRATION

✓ 1. A project for additional construction at the Okinawa Bureau was approved by the FEC. The transfer and obligation of the funds will be expedited.

2. The FBID budget for FY 1953 was approved. Appropriations were allocated for the construction of monitoring stations [redacted]

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3. Establishment of approved medical facilities to handle physical examinations for prospective employees at the West Coast Bureau is under consideration by the Chief, Medical Staff.

4. Funds have been requested to cover tuition payments for children of FBID employees attending public school on Okinawa.

450 5. Three hundred thirty-six items of 595 items in the original stockpiling project have been delivered to [redacted] and are available for issue.

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6. Shipment of the emergency station equipment to the various bureaus is expected during October. During September the equipment was assembled and waterproof packed.

7. The Senior Special Consultant to the DCI inspected departmental operations of FBID and expressed approval.

8. On 20 September a group of OER employees were briefed on FBID operations.

9. On 21 September the Chief of the Special Reports Branch outlined the functions and operating procedures of the Branch to [redacted], Chief of the Intelligence Staff and [redacted] Acting Chief, Policy and Liaison Staff of OGI.

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OPERATIONS

10. CINCPAC indicated some dissatisfaction with the time lag between broadcast and receipt of enemy messages directed to General Ridgway. Immediate steps were taken to insure prompt handling at field bureaus, and authority was obtained from ACS to file these messages and other material considered to be of military operational importance with a precedence indicator of OP (Operational Immediate).

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Delay between time of broadcasts and receipt by CINCFA of enemy broadcasts for General Ridgway has now been reduced to the absolute minimum under existing conditions and installations.

11. Reception tests were made of Soviet Far Eastern regional broadcasting stations during September at Camp Crawford, Hokkaido and Camp Haugen, Northern Honshu. These tests confirmed that the Hokkaido location offers monitoring coverage of all Siberian stations from Krasnoyarsk east to the ocean on a year-round basis and improved monitoring coverage of Central Siberian regionals during the winter season. An adequate site and accommodations for necessary personnel are available. (Recommendations of the Chief, FBID, are forthcoming.

12. Reception tests to confirm the desirability [redacted] California, as the new location for the West Coast Bureau are in progress and will continue until mid-October. Four engineers and technicians from the West Coast Bureau are at the present engaged in the operation of duplicating the coverage currently carried on at the [redacted]

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13. As a result of an expression of need for better coverage of Soviet Baltic States by the Department of State and USO, a further investigation of consumer requirements is being undertaken with a view toward requesting the BBC to provide the desired coverage. An investigation of [redacted]

[redacted] was made by the Chief, London Bureau, to determine its usefulness to FBID. Results were negative.

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14. The Balkan Roundup, which was experimentally undertaken by FBID in April at the request of OPC, was discontinued upon notification that the roundup was inadequate and the product generally not useable due to communications limitations.

15. Consumer evaluation of the West German Roundup was requested. Unless strong consumer objections to the discontinuance of the German Roundup are encountered, the substitution of a new Satellite Report for Psychological Warfare purposes (CPW) is contemplated at the London Bureau.

16. At the request of the Department of State, pertinent broadcast items commenting on the Japanese Peace Treaty Conference and a daily roundup entitled "Significant Radio Commentary on the Japanese Peace Treaty Conference" was prepared and transmitted by wire to the American Delegation in San Francisco by FBID.

✓ 17. The status of the project re the proposed establishment of a monitoring station [redacted] as reported in previous progress reports remains unchanged.

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18. At the request of OER, ZDID accepted approximately 70 requests

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19. An authorized personnel increase of six to the foreign national monitors' T/O at the Mediterranean Bureau will permit a substantial increase in the exploitation of Soviet regional broadcasts, primarily in the field of vernacular languages. One Central Asian monitor has entered on duty. An additional Persian monitor has permitted the complete coverage of the Iranian crisis and the Bulgarian and Yugoslav staffs have been bolstered.

SPECIAL REPORTS

20. The following special reports were issued:

"Significance of Harrison Salisbury's Report in the 30 August NEW YORK TIMES to the Effect that the Moscow Press Links Russia with US Intentions to 'Attack' or Prepare for Future 'Operations' Against China and the USSR," 4 September 1951, prepared in response to an OOI request.

"Foreign Radio Reactions to the Resignation of General Marshall," 14 September 1951, prepared for the White House.

Text of FMVDA editorial on President Truman's 17 September address, 27 September 1951, prepared for the White House.

"Indications of Domestic Difficulties in the USSR and Satellites," CFM reports Dec. 9, 10 and 11, issued on [redacted] respectively.

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21. The Operational Information and Personnel Reports for September are attached.

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1. Daily Averages of Field Bureau Production:

<u>FIELD BUREAU</u>	<u>DAILY HOURS MONITORED</u>	<u>DAILY WORDAGE FILED</u>	<u>WORDAGE PUBLISHED</u>
Tokyo	22 hrs. 45 min.	15,800	5,200
Okinawa	92 hrs.	16,300	5,700
Saigon	22 hrs. 30 min.	3,200	2,200
/ West Coast	83 hrs. 15 min.	33,700	12,600
/ East Coast	102 hrs.	13,200	6,000
/ London	259 hrs. 35 min.	40,500	14,100
Germany	2 hrs. 45 min.	5,300	4,900
Austria	3 hrs. 15 min.	4,000	1,700
/ Cyprus	<u>48 hrs. 20 min.</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>10,300</u>
TOTALS	627 hrs. 25 min.	152,000	62,900

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Daily summaries of USSR, Satellite and German broadcasts are delivered to local users in London and sent by teletype to consumers in Western Europe; i.e., American Embassy offices in London and Paris and The Hague; G-2, USA, Frankfurt; HICOG, Frankfurt; HICOG, Berlin; U.S. Delegation, Austrian Mission; North Atlantic Treaty Organization; SHAPE, etc.

All available transcripts and summaries of broadcasts of the Radio of Free Russia monitored by the BBC are transmitted to the U.S. Embassy in London.

Tokyo Bureau

All processed intercepts are sent to G-2, USA, FEC and the Intelligence Section, FEAF. A copy of the Korean file is transmitted to U.S. Embassy, Pusan, and G-2, Eighth Army via radioteletype. Selected material of Chinese International Service programs is filed to USIS, Formosa.

Osingawa Bureau

All processed intercepts are filed to G-2, USA, FEC and Intelligence Section, FEAF. A copy of Peking intercepts is filed to USIS, Formosa. The weekly analysis of Chinese Communist regional broadcasts is regularly furnished G-2, FEC. A daily file of selected material is furnished G-2, RYCOI.*

Saigon Bureau

A copy of all processed material is filed to Tokyo for G-2, FEC.

West Coast Bureau

Copies of Peking intercepts and Vietnam News Agency intercepts are filed to G-2, USA, FEC. G-2, FEC, also receives daily a copy of all Russian-language material and a copy of all material in English and French Marco sent by the Saigon office of AFP to their consumers in Southeast Asia.

East Coast Bureau

Daily distribution of an epidemiological bulletin of the World Health Organization is made to the Office of Scientific Intelligence.

German Bureau

Copies of all processed material are sent to the Economic Branch and to the Radio and Press Branch, Office of Intelligence, HICOG.

Austrian Bureau

A daily file of collected material is furnished the Office of the Chief of Staff, USAF. The complete file of the Austrian Bureau is supplied to the Intelligence Coordination Branch, USAF, and to G-2, USAF, and to G-2, USAF Rear, Salzburg.

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* Additional service initiated during this reporting period.

Mediterranean Bureau

Copies of all processed Soviet Kurdish-language intercepts are air
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Departmental							
East Coast Bureau							
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Tokyo Bureau							
Okinawa Bureau							
Saigon Bureau							
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